GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Revision of Payment of compensation for crop damage and cattle death, ex-gratia in Human-Wildlife conflict cases – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.29 **Dated:22.07.2024**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.112, E.F.S. & T. (For.III) Dept., dated 03.08.1998.
2. G.O.Ms.No.90, E.F.S. & T. (For.II) Dept., dated 01.08.2011.
3. G.O.Ms.No.57, E.F.S. & T. (For.II) Dept., dated 29.05.2014.
4. From the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.1826/2019/WL-3, dated 01.11.2019.
5. From the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.8933/2013/WL-3, dated 17.04.2021.
6. From the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.21/74/2022/WL-1(i), dated 21.12.2022, 06.02.2023 and 17.05.2023.

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ORDER:

In the G.O.3rd read above, orders were issued revising payment of compensation for crop damage and cattle death, ex-gratia in case of human death caused by the attack of Tigers and other wild animals in the State.

2. In the letters 4th, 5th and 6th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wild Life Warden, has informed that the population of Wild animals is increasing in view of the various schemes and projects taken up for protection and development of Wildlife habitats in the State. But, the increase of the human and cattle population in fringe villages coupled with recurrent droughts is causing degradation of forests leading to depletion of water and fodder sources for wildlife within the forests. Due to this reason, wild animals are entering into the villages and agricultural fields adjoining forest areas leading to conflict situations. The Department is paying the compensation as per the orders issued in the G.O. 3rd read above. The Wildlife Compensation rates have not been reviewed since a long time. There has been huge and continuous demand for many years from the local farmers and Public representatives to revise the existing compensation rates in view of the hike in all agricultural inputs.

3. In the above circumstances, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, has recommended to increase the compensation rates for human death to Rs.10.00 lakh as against the existing amount of Rs.5.00 lakh, as it helps to develop confidence among the people residing in forest fringe villages, thereby preventing them from causing harm to wildlife. Further, the rate of compensation paid to the cattle death also to be enhanced to the existing market value. He has, therefore, requested to permit the Forest Department to pay compensation on par with the neighboring States.

4. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., Guntur received in the letters 4th, 5th and 6th read above, hereby accord permission for revision of payment of compensation for loss of life or injury to human beings, and cattle killed and damages caused to houses and crops, etc. due to attack of tigers or other wild animals in the State, as detailed below:-

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Sl.No.	Item	Existing compensation as per G.O.Ms.No.57, EFS & T (For.II) Dept., dt.29.05.2014 (in Rupees)	Revised compensation (in Rupees)
1	2	3	4
1	Ex-gratia for human deaths by wild animals	Rs.5,00,000/-	Rs.10,00,000/-
2	Ex-gratia for human grievous injury by wild animals	Rs.75,000/- along with medical expenses	Rs.2,00,000/- along with medical expenses
3	Ex-gratia for human minor injury by wild animals.	Actual cost of treatment	Actual cost of treatment (OR) Rs.20,000/-, whichever is lower.
4	Compensation to cattle killed by wild animals	The rate of compensation paid to the cattle shall be enhanced to the existing market value.	As per the value to be decided & notified in consultation with the Director, Animal Husbandry.
5	**Crops:**		
	i. Other than Paddy & Sugarcane	Rs.6,000/- per acre	Rs.10,000/- per acre
	ii. Paddy	Rs.6,000/- per acre	Rs.10,000/- per acre
	iii. Sugarcane	Rs.6,000/- per acre	Rs.12,000/- per acre
	iv. Mango & Coconut trees	Rs.1,500/- per tree	Rs.2,000/- per tree
	v. Horticulture Crops like Banana, Citrus, etc.	**Crop damage–Per Acre.** 1. Up to value of Rs. 7,500/- - Full Payment limited to the loss assessed per acre.	**Crop damage – Per Acre.** 1. Up to value of Rs. 12,000/- - Full Payment limited to the loss assessed.
		2. Ranging value from Rs.7,500/- to Rs.35,000/- - 50% of the loss assessed subject to minimum of Rs.7500/- and maximum of Rs.21,250/- per acre.	2. Ranging value from Rs.12,000/- to Rs.35,000/- @ 50% of the loss assessed subject to minimum of Rs.12,000/- and maximum of Rs.24,000/- per acre.
		3. Above Rs.35,000/- 30% of the loss assessed subject to minimum of Rs.21,250/- and maximum of Rs.50,000/- per acre (Extent and value of damaged crop as assessed by Revenue Officer)	3. Above Rs.35,000/- @ 30% of the loss Assessed subject to minimum of Rs.24,000/- and maximum of Rs.50,000/- (Extent and value of damaged crop as assessed by the Team of Revenue and Horticultural Authorities)

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5. The compensation shall be paid as expeditiously as possible without any delay, immediately after the occurrence of death/injuries/damage to the next Head of the family based on the certificate issued by Revenue Authorities.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur shall take necessary action for providing funds in the Budget under the relevant Head of Accounts. He is also requested to see that the accounts are rendered to the Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada for the expenditure incurred under the Head of Account by the Conservator of Forests/Divisional Forest Officer concerned. **This order shall come into force with immediate effect.**

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-EFS-MAUD)Department vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0ASD/212/2020-FMU-EFS-MAUD, dated 14.06.2024 (Computer No.1219944).

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Mangalagiri.
The Pay & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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All District Collectors.
The Finance (FMU-EFS-MAUD)Department.

The Joint Secretary to GoI, Ministry of Environment & Forests,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The PS to Hon'ble Minister (PR, RD, RWS; FES&T)
The PS to Spl.Chief Secretary to Govt., EFS&T Dept.
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